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 ♂ merg ♂ gold (where gold = goldeneye, merg = Am merganser, mall = mallard)
 This short census weighed too much on goldeneyes as actually there
 were only 480 in the area against 5000 Am mergansers and 3000 mallards.
 In flight the goldeneye is pure ^{snow} white whereas the mergansers have
 tinted whites (gray and some reddish pink. The goldeneyes light
 on water upright, feet widely spread, ^{tail forked} and landing speed slow. They
 (the ♂) were going thru their courtin' ritual with heads on back,
 then upward and extended then withdrawn back to normal position.
 There are 82 ringbill gulls either on ice, in water or following
 above mergansers. The mallard has a good defense against gulls
 and will fly out of area or defend. They seldom loose their food
 whereas the goldeneye & especially the Am mergansers keep the gulls
 alive. Mallards follow goldeneyes and succeed in getting food
 brought up by the goldeneyes. Left 9:55 A.M. and returned to W
 end dam same way. 3 crows visited ~~the~~ duck area. ~~6:03~~ 60.3
 main road ~~east of marina~~, wind from calm to slight ripple in
 water, temp 50°F. (10:40 A.M). W end dam 61.5, 30 tree sparrows.
 water level at 889.3 which is as low as it has been this winter.
 water lines pronounced between here and 892. Met Mr Hathaway
 of the corp of engineers. 63.1 Administration. He reports 2
 immature and 1 adult bald eagles in Big Slough Creek the last
^{Jan 14} week. 63.8 to ^N redtail. 65.3 18 juncos. 67.0 completed
 Perry circuit and now main road. 67.1 redtail. 67.6 ^{main} highway
 68.2 Ferguson road. 69.1 2 crows on ice. 69.3 Big Slough Creek
 bridge. A sparrow hawk on bridge. 69.5 Am. roughleg. 70.9
 now left to Big Slough Creek Park. 71.8 from Ferguson Rd. 71.8
 entering Big Slough Park. 71.9 drainage. 72.5 now to left
 and will follow regular circuit without diversion 73.7 12
 tree sparrows, 5 juncos. 74.5 8 tree sparrows & 20 juncos. The
 old Co. rd is now about a foot above the water level at Gap Point.
 74.8 Gap Point at boat ramp. No redtails in air as far as 10x
 binocular can see to N. All see N Gap Point. 12:00 75.1 fox
 squirrel ran across rd. 76.3 leaving Park. 77.3 Ferguson Rd now to
 N. 79.1 2 redtails a pale apart. 80.2 W to Longview. 80.7 sp. hawk.
 81.7 2 sparrow hawks 1 1/2 foot apart. on line. 82.3 entering Park.
 83.2 3 end Park at boat ramp. 12 mallards on ice to W in lake.
 no other gulls or ducks in area. Redtail. 83.9 N end circuit
 but not the last one. One small flock 10 juncos and about
 20 tree sparrows. From this point there is a fracture